

## **H. Major Research and Public Service Activities**

### **2010-2011**

#### **New Culinary Arts Center Comes Alive in Mt. Holly**

After years of planning, the Culinary Arts Center at BCC in Mt. Holly has come to fruition. Construction was completed on time and within budget by July 2011. Summer culinary workshops and youth culinary programs kicked off immediately. This state-of-the-art facility is not only utilized by BCC students but also a facility that helps boost economic development through partnerships with local Mt. Holly businesses. Through academic partnerships with four-year institutions, the College anticipates educating more than 350 students annually for degrees in Culinary, Hospitality and Tourism.



#### **BCC Expands Mt. Laurel Campus**



With record-high enrollment and an increasing interest in the Mt. Laurel campus, BCC made the decision to expand into a new location at 1000 Briggs Road. In February, students started utilizing the Briggs Road Center in Mt. Laurel. This additional 25,000 square-foot space offers more classrooms, conference space and parking to the very popular campus. The modern classrooms and convenient location have been well received by both credit and non-credit students alike.

#### **An Environmentally Responsible Campus**

The College is often leading the way for preserving the environment. This year, BCC took another step forward and recently approved three new environmental degree programs to the curriculum. Students can now pursue a degree in Alternative Energy Technologies, Energy Management and Sustainability Energy Studies. In addition, the College also introduced a new sustainability art project to the Pemberton campus where artists can work in a unique, environmental art studio which is surrounded by a student-planted garden.



## BURLINGTON COUNTY COLLEGE

### U.S. Department of Labor Grant Enhances BCC's Medical Coding Program



In 2009, the federal Department of Labor awarded BCC nearly \$1 million in funding to enhance the existing medical coding program. This year's graduating class includes the first 25 graduates of the grant-enhanced program. These certificate holders are the first to complete the program which now includes hands-on, workplace experience in a hospital environment. Many of this class have already accepted new positions and are now employed into their new found profession. Several other students have been promoted within their jobs and one of the graduates has already passed the very difficult national certification. The College is on track to graduate more than 30 students next spring as it continues to meet the workforce demands.

### Community Service Around the World

Many BCC student service projects continued this year and included outreach to the local Animal Shelter, care packages to our troops, fund raising support and awareness of the American Heart Association. This year, BCC students also stepped forward to also help raise relief funds in the aftermath of Japan's historic and tragic earthquakes. Several student groups joined together to create and sell handmade pins in the form of the Japanese flag and all proceeds were donated to the American Red Cross.

### Faculty Making a Difference

BCC faculty and staff continued to make an impact. In addition to being published and featured as experts in their fields of study, BCC faculty were also busy bringing distinguished speakers to BCC. Dr. Alan Hart spearheaded the effort to bring former news reporter and author Karen Friedman to speak and Dr. Jonathan Alexander was the host faculty member who welcomed Holocaust survivor and author Fred Spiegel to campus.



## BURLINGTON COUNTY COLLEGE

### **The BCC Foundation Continues to Grow**



The BCC Foundation continued its work to raise funds and support our students. Breaking all previous fund raising efforts also meant more scholarships than ever were available to BCC students. This academic year alone, the Foundation supported an all-time high of nearly 400 scholarships in the forms of tuition assistance, bookstore vouchers and extended their reach to establish paid internship programs for BCC students. This year also marked the first-ever scholarship gala which was held at the Hyatt Philadelphia where a few hundred gathered to support the scholarship funds. The evening honored the accomplishments of alumni and recognized Dr. Messina's 25<sup>th</sup> year as President of Burlington County College.